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TAXI FREEDOM IN MILWAUKEE **MAY BE COMING TO SAN DIEGO SOON**

San Diego, CA – September 5, 2014 – Councilmember Marti Emerald and City Attorney Jan Goldsmith congratulate the City of Milwaukee (see articles below) for recently removing its cap on taxicab medallions and freeing taxi drivers to compete. Emerald, with Goldsmith's support, is proposing to do just that in San Diego.

"Allowing drivers the opportunity to invest and become an owner gives them the chance to follow the American dream," said Emerald. Goldsmith added: "It is the right thing to do whether it is in San Diego or Milwaukee."

Taxicab owners filed a lawsuit in Milwaukee, but were unable to stop the cap removal.

Reforms to San Diego's current taxicab permit policy will be considered at the next Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee meeting at 1 pm on Thursday, September 18, in the Council Chambers of the 12th floor of 202 C St., San Diego, CA 92101.

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/taxi-cartel-has-no-right-to-a-monopoly-b99340138z1-273651871.html?ipad=y>

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